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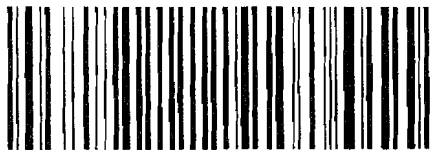
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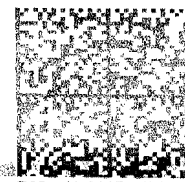
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\$7,002.00 IN UNITED STATES,	)	
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	)	
Defendant.	)	

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE**

*TO: Courtney Cox  
371 Country Hills Lane  
Sterrett, AL 35147*

On December 29, 2009, the United States of America filed a civil complaint in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama seeking forfeiture of the named defendant property under 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(C). The complaint alleges that, for the causes stated in the complaint, said property is subject to forfeiture to the United States.

In order to avoid forfeiture of the property, any person asserting an interest in the defendant property must file a verified claim identifying that interest in the manner set forth in Rule G(5) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Such claims must be filed not later than 35 days after the date the complaint and notice were sent,

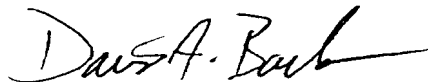
as shown below. A claim filed by a bailee must identify the bailor, and if filed on the bailor's behalf must state the authority to do so. In addition, any person having filed such a verified claim shall also file an answer to the complaint or a motion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12 not later than 20 days after the filing of the statement.

Claims should be filed with the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Room 140, U.S. Courthouse, 1729 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, with a copy thereof sent to Special Assistant United States Attorney Davis A. Barlow, 1801 Fourth Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Sent this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE WHITE VANCE  
United States Attorney  
Northern District of Alabama

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Davis A. Barlow", with a stylized flourish at the end.

DAVIS A. BARLOW  
Special Assistant United States Attorney  
1801 Fourth Avenue North  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
(205)244-2134

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**VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE IN REM**

Comes now the United States of America, by and through its counsel, Joyce White Vance, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, and Davis A. Barlow, Special Assistant United States Attorney, and respectfully presents to this Court the following:

1. That this is a civil action for the forfeiture of \$7,002.00 in United States Currency (hereinafter "Defendant Currency") pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(C) for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A) and 18 U.S.C. 1084(a), respectively.
2. That this Court has jurisdiction over this subject matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1345 and 1355(a).
3. That this Court has *in rem* jurisdiction over the Defendant Currency

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1355(b) and (d).

4. That this Court has venue over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1355 and 1395(a) and (b).

5. That an investigation conducted by the United States Secret Service (USSS), has revealed the following:

(a) On or about September 17, 2004, Chad Cox and Courtney Cox opened Regions Bank account number \*\*\*\*1757 at the Regions' Riverchase Branch in Birmingham, Alabama. Chad Cox and Courtney Cox are the co-owners of the account.

(b) On or about July 20, 2009, Chad Cox received a wire transfer into the Regions Bank account number \*\*\*\*1757. The wire transfer was from an entity named Sphene International Limited (hereinafter "Sphene"), located in Gibraltar, a self-governing British overseas territory, and was in the amount of \$7,002.00.

(c) In November 2009, the USSS became aware of the wire transfer and initiated an investigation.

(d) During the course of the investigation, the USSS determined that Sphene, located in Gibraltar, is a company operating outside of the United States which is connected with and involved in the business of internet gambling. Specifically it was determined that Sphene is or has been involved in transferring

funds for on-line poker websites.

(e) On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, a federal seizure warrant was executed on Regions Bank account number \*\*\*\*1757, resulting in the seizure of the Defendant Currency.

6. The Defendant Currency represents proceeds of violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1084(a), unlawful transmission of wagering information, and is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C).

7. The Defendant Currency represents property involved in a transaction or attempted transaction in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A), and is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A).

8. That the Defendant Currency is within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

9. That the names and addresses of possible claimants known to the Plaintiff are as follows:

Chad Cox  
c/o Edward L. Hardin, Jr.  
William J. Long, IV  
Burr & Forman, LLP  
420 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 3400  
Birmingham, AL 35203

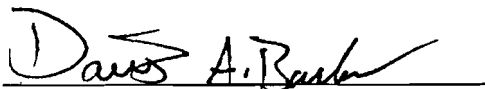
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WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff requests that due notice issue to enforce the forfeiture and to give notice to all interested parties to appear and show cause why the forfeiture should not be decreed; and requests that the Defendant Currency be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America for a disposition according to law; and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

JOYCE WHITE VANCE  
United States Attorney



DAVIS A. BARLOW  
Special Assistant United States Attorney  
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**VERIFICATION**

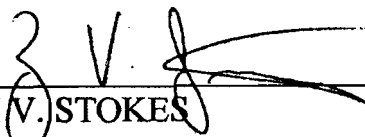
I, ZURI V. STOKES, am a Special Agent for the United States Secret Service (USSS), and the agent assigned the responsibility for this case.

I have read the contents of the foregoing Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I base my knowledge for this verification of the Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* on the following:

- (a) Information given to me by other law enforcement officers who have participated in the investigation of Chad Cox, Sphene International Limited and the seizure of the Defendant Currency;
- (b) My participation in the investigation of Chad Cox, Sphene International Limited and the seizure of the Defendant Currency in this action;
- (c) My experience in investigations of illegal wire transfers and the experience of other law enforcement officers related to illegal wire transfers.

I declare under penalty of perjury as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 17 day of December, 2009.

  
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ZURI V. STOKES  
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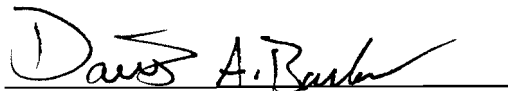
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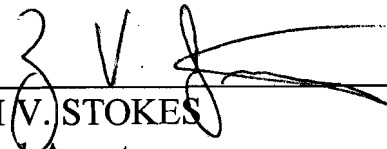
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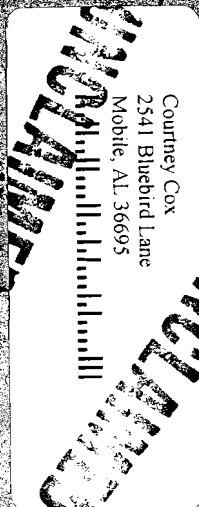
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	Case No. 2:09-CV-02599-RDP
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\$7,002.00 IN UNITED STATES,	)	
CURRENCY,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE**

TO: Courtney Cox  
2541 Bluebird Lane  
Mobile, AL 36695

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Sent this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE WHITE VANCE  
United States Attorney  
Northern District of Alabama

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Davis A. Barlow", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

DAVIS A. BARLOW  
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1801 Fourth Avenue North  
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1. That this is a civil action for the forfeiture of \$7,002.00 in United States Currency (hereinafter "Defendant Currency") pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(C) for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A) and 18 U.S.C. 1084(a), respectively.

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3. That this Court has *in rem* jurisdiction over the Defendant Currency

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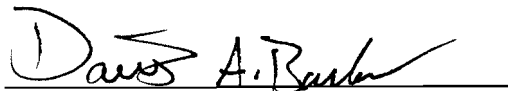
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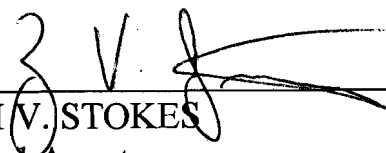
I, ZURI V. STOKES, am a Special Agent for the United States Secret Service (USSS), and the agent assigned the responsibility for this case.

I have read the contents of the foregoing Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I base my knowledge for this verification of the Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* on the following:

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I declare under penalty of perjury as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 17 day of December, 2009.

  
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ZURI V. STOKES  
Special Agent  
United States Secret Service



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Federal Law Enforcement Agencies  
**PROCESS RECEIPT AND RETURN**

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Defendants \$7,002.00 in United States Currency		Type of Process Notice/Complaint	
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ADDRESS (Street or RFD, Apartment No., City, State and Zip Code) 2541 Bluebird Lane, Mobile, AL 36695			
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Joyce White Vance, U.S. Attorney James D. Ingram, AUSA 1801 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North Birmingham, AL 35203		NUMBER OF PARTIES TO BE SERVED IN THIS CASE	
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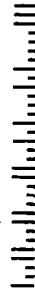


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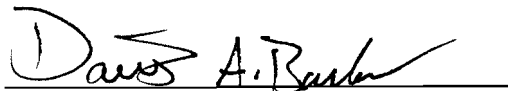
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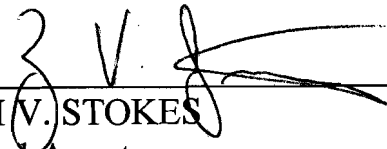
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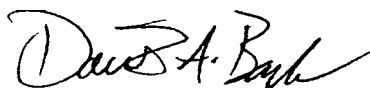
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pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1355(b) and (d).

4. That this Court has venue over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1355 and 1395(a) and (b).

5. That an investigation conducted by the United States Secret Service (USSS), has revealed the following:

(a) On or about September 17, 2004, Chad Cox and Courtney Cox opened Regions Bank account number \*\*\*\*1757 at the Regions' Riverchase Branch in Birmingham, Alabama. Chad Cox and Courtney Cox are the co-owners of the account.

(b) On or about July 20, 2009, Chad Cox received a wire transfer into the Regions Bank account number \*\*\*\*1757. The wire transfer was from an entity named Sphene International Limited (hereinafter "Sphene"), located in Gibraltar, a self-governing British overseas territory, and was in the amount of \$7,002.00.

(c) In November 2009, the USSS became aware of the wire transfer and initiated an investigation.

(d) During the course of the investigation, the USSS determined that Sphene, located in Gibraltar, is a company operating outside of the United States which is connected with and involved in the business of internet gambling. Specifically it was determined that Sphene is or has been involved in transferring

funds for on-line poker websites.

(e) On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, a federal seizure warrant was executed on Regions Bank account number \*\*\*\*1757, resulting in the seizure of the Defendant Currency.

6. The Defendant Currency represents proceeds of violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1084(a), unlawful transmission of wagering information, and is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C).

7. The Defendant Currency represents property involved in a transaction or attempted transaction in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(2)(A), and is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A).

8. That the Defendant Currency is within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

9. That the names and addresses of possible claimants known to the Plaintiff are as follows:

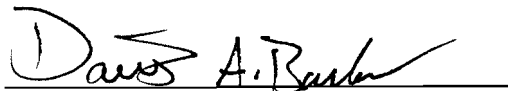
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WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff requests that due notice issue to enforce the forfeiture and to give notice to all interested parties to appear and show cause why the forfeiture should not be decreed; and requests that the Defendant Currency be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America for a disposition according to law; and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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### VERIFICATION

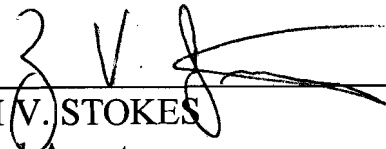
I, ZURI V. STOKES, am a Special Agent for the United States Secret Service (USSS), and the agent assigned the responsibility for this case.

I have read the contents of the foregoing Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem*, and the statements contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I base my knowledge for this verification of the Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* on the following:

- (a) Information given to me by other law enforcement officers who have participated in the investigation of Chad Cox, Sphene International Limited and the seizure of the Defendant Currency;
- (b) My participation in the investigation of Chad Cox, Sphene International Limited and the seizure of the Defendant Currency in this action;
- (c) My experience in investigations of illegal wire transfers and the experience of other law enforcement officers related to illegal wire transfers.

I declare under penalty of perjury as provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 17 day of December, 2009.

  
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ZURI V. STOKES  
Special Agent  
United States Secret Service